



Docket No.: 20164 (C38435/109230)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :

Monika JOHANNSEN

Serial No.: 09/335,022

Filed: June 17, 1999

For: **PROCESS FOR PRODUCING  
VITAMIN D<sub>3</sub> AND PREVITAMIN D<sub>3</sub>**

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Examiner: S. Qazi

Art Unit: 1616

New York, New York  
July 9, 2001

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Box Non-Fee Amendment  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 9, 2001, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before July 9, 2001. 37 CFR § 1.8. No fee is believed to be due. If it is determined that a fee is due, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-8 were rejected solely under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Zhang *et al.*, (CA 113:198104, abstract of Zhongguo Yiyao Gongye Zazhi (1990), 21(6), 256-61)

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